Northern Westchester County Wireless Telecommunications Infrastructure Master Plan

Town of Bedford

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Northern
Westchester
County
Wireless Tasks
and
Deliverables



Wireless Telecommunications History



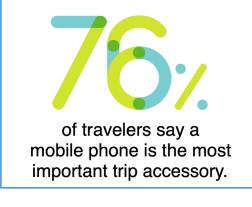


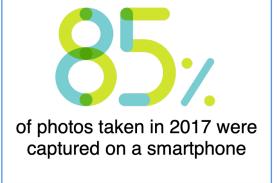


- 1G service provided voice calls only.
- 2G service included voice, texting and data.
- 3G service offered in early 2000's improved data speeds (Providers retiring 1-3G CDMA in 2022).
- iPhone in 2007 offers thousands of applications and introduces smart phone technology.
- 4G service on AWS and LTE began around 2010 and increased data speeds; included new 700 and 2100 MHz frequencies (smaller handsets, Internet access, longer battery life).
- 5G service increases wireless bandwidth for faster transfer of data, Internet of Things (IoT).

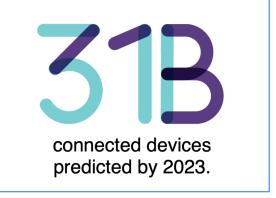
Quick Facts:

- Over 49% of U.S. households have "cut the cord" and are wireless only
- 80% of an estimated 240 million 9-1-1 calls are made from wireless devices.
- 45 million Americans use mobile phones as their primary Internet access device
- 2.4 mission students connected
- Smart houses, smart cars, smart industry
- More use of data intensive applications such as Facetime, Internet, Streaming Music and HD Movies, Social Media, etc.

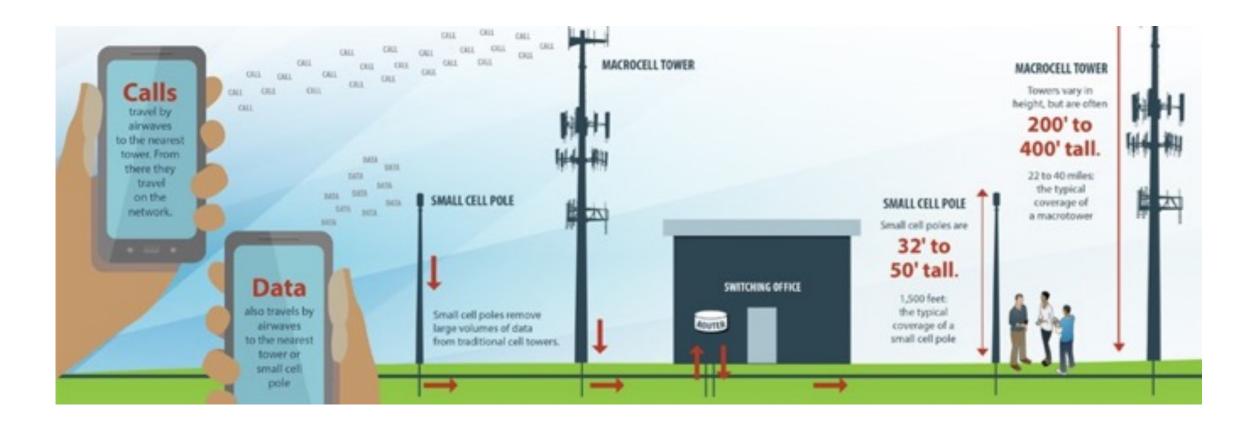








Source: CTIA Wireless Quick Facts, 2019, 2020



Wireless Network Planning/Mapping

Macro and Small Wireless Facilities For Seamless Connectivity











Bedford Macro Tower Sites





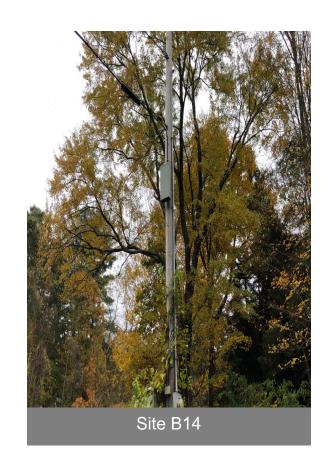




Macrocell Facility Sites In NWC







Bedford Base Station Sites







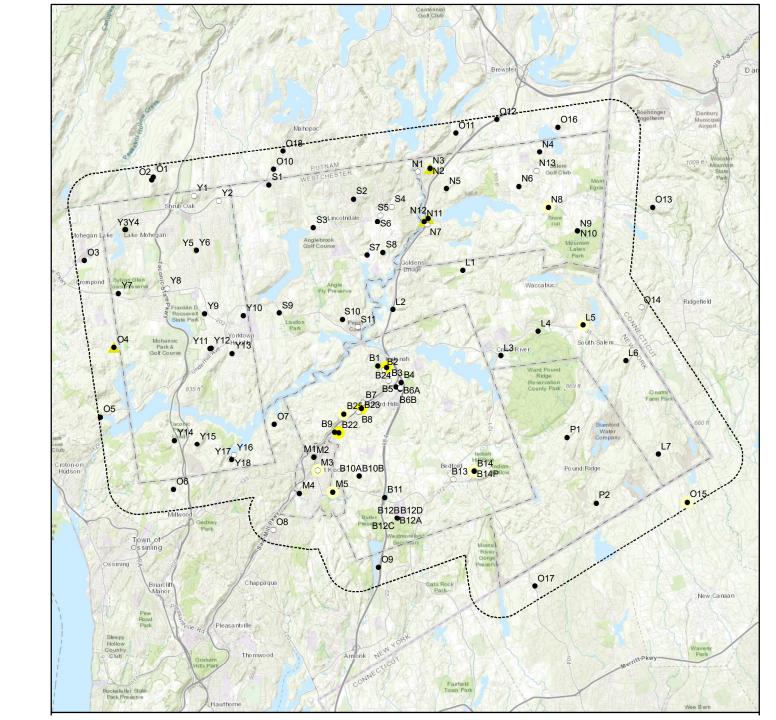
Small Wireless Facility Sites



Northern Westchester County Inventory

- Town of Bedford: 21
- Town of Lewisboro: 7
- Town/Village of Mount Kisco: 5
- Town of North Salem: 13
- Town of Pound Ridge: 2
- Town of Somers: 11
- Town of Yorktown: 18
- One-Mile Perimeter: 18

(95) Total Wireless Facilities



Inventory by Structure Type

Towers in Bedford (17)

- 12 Existing
- 4 Approved but not yet built
- 1 Inquiry

Towers in one-mile perimeter (8)

- 7 Existing
- 1 Proposed and under review

Towers outside study area (3)

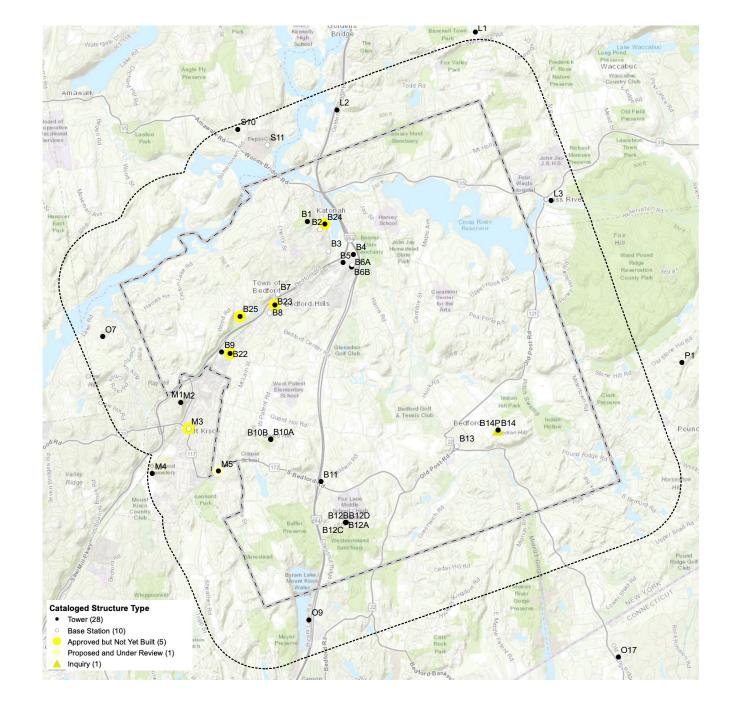
Base Stations in Bedford (7)

• 7 Existing

Base Stations in one-mile perimeter (3)

- 2 Existing
- 1 Approved but not yet built

38 Towers and Base Stations



Inventory by PWSF Antenna Type

Macro facilities in Bedford (7)

- 5 Existing
- 1 Approved but not yet built
- 1 Inquiry

Macro facilities in one-mile perimeter (10)

- 8 Existing
- 1 Approved but not yet built
- 1 Proposed and under review

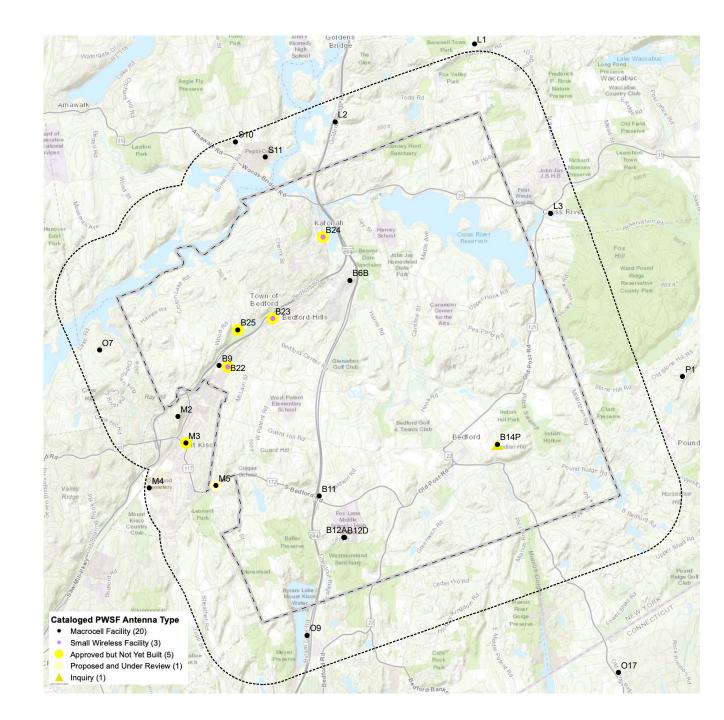
Macro facilities outside study area (3)

• 3 Existing

Small wireless facilities in Bedford (3)

• 3 Approved but not yet built

23 PWSF Sites



Inventory by All Antenna Type

Macro facilities in Bedford Existing (5)

Macro facilities in one-mile perimeter (8)

 6 Existing; 1 Approved but not yet built; 1 Proposed and under review

Macro facilities outside study area Existing (2)

Small wireless facilities in Bedford (3)

• 3 Approved but not yet built

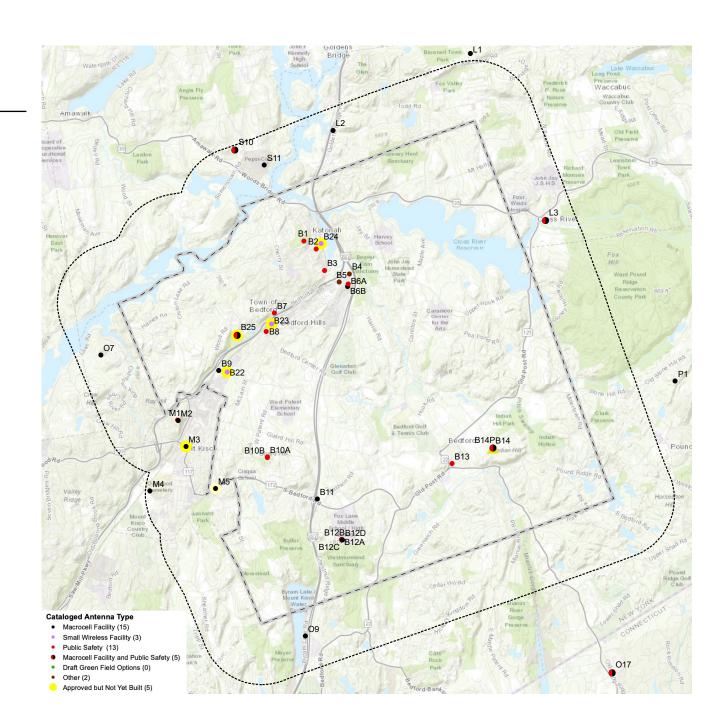
Public safety facilities (13)

• 12 Existing in Bedford; 1 Existing in 1-mile

Public safety and Macro Facilities (5)

- 1 Approved but not yet built & 1 Inquiry in Bedford
- 2 Existing in 1-mile; 1 Existing outside study

Other facilities in Bedford Existing (2)



Inventory by Location

Private property (10)

- 2 Existing in Bedford
- 4 Existing in one-mile perimeter
- 1 Approved but not yet built
- 1 Proposed and under review in one-mile perimeter
- 2 Existing outside study area

Inside Rights-of-Way (3)

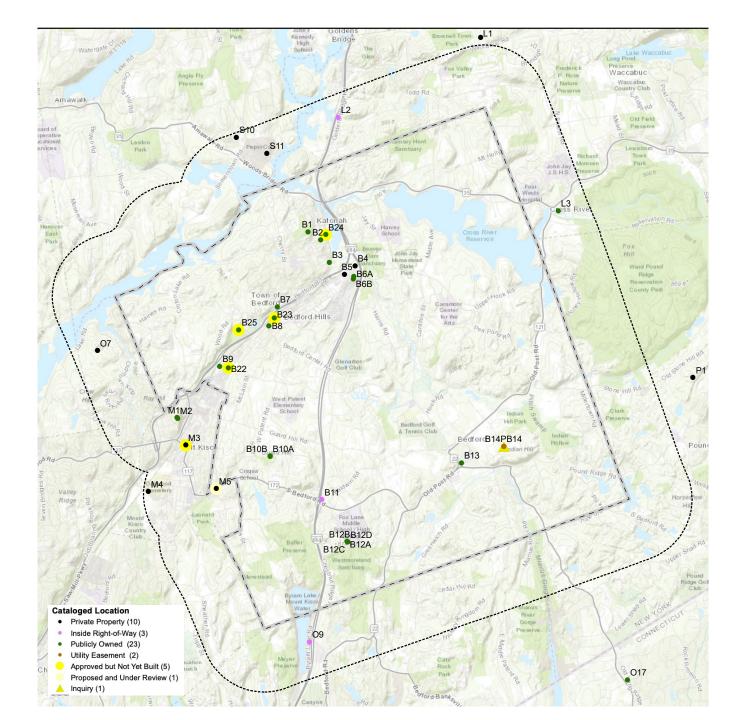
• 3 Approved but not yet built in Bedford

Public Property (23)

- 15 Existing in Bedford
- 4 Approved but not yet built in Bedford
- 3 Existing in one-mile perimeter
- 1 Existing outside study area

Utility Easement (2)

- 1 Existing in Bedford
- 1 Inquiry in Bedford



Inventory by Design Type

Concealed (6)

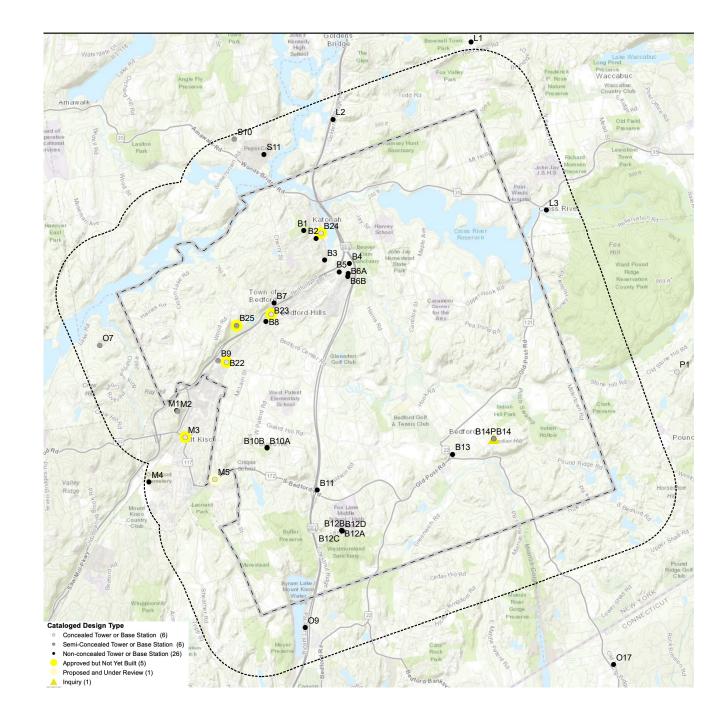
- 3 Approved but not yet built in Bedford
- 2 Existing in one-mile perimeter
- 1 Existing outside study area

Semi-Concealed (6)

- 1 Existing in Bedford
- 1 Approved but not yet built in Bedford
- 1 Inquiry in Bedford
- 3 Existing in one-mile perimeter

Non-Concealed (26)

- 18 Existing in Bedford
- 6 Existing in one-mile perimeter
- 2 Existing Outside study area

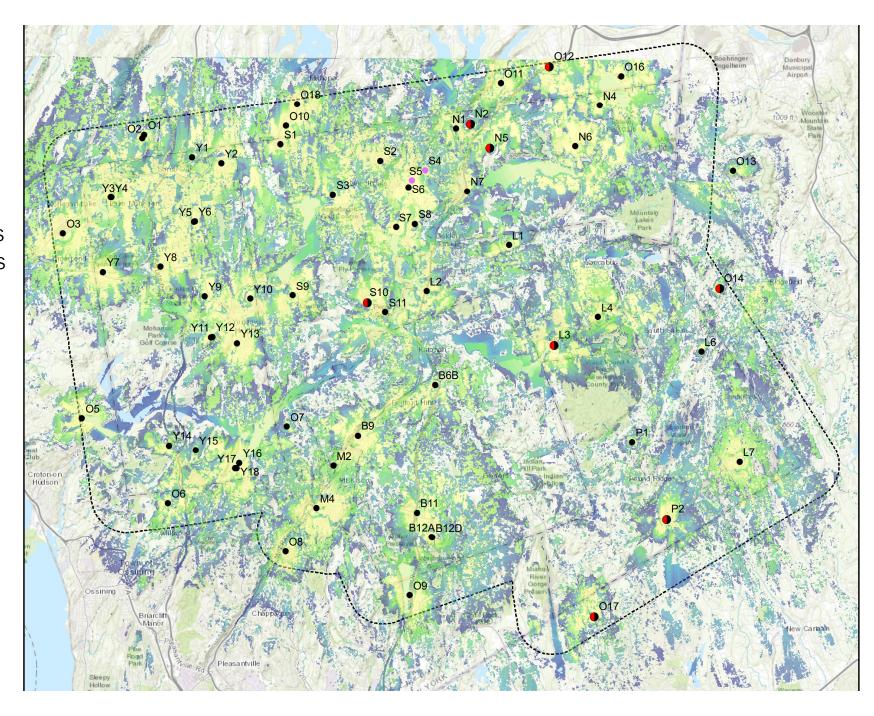


Simulated Propagation Coverage Maps

- Simulated coverage and capacity mapping from existing PWSF sites to identify gaps in network service areas
- Simulated coverage and capacity mapping from potential PWSF sites to identify gaps in network service areas
- 3 Evaluation for future network capacity

Coverage Map For A Single Provider

- High frequency coverage map
- Assumes same provider at each site
- Level of propagation signal strength is shown through the gradation of colors from yellow to blue or no color
- → Yellow superior; strong enough to operate within most buildings
- → Green average; strong enough to operate in vehicle but not inside most buildings
- →Blue acceptable; strong enough to operate outside but not in most vehicles or buildings
- No color poor; no service or dropped calls; gaps where new sites will be needed

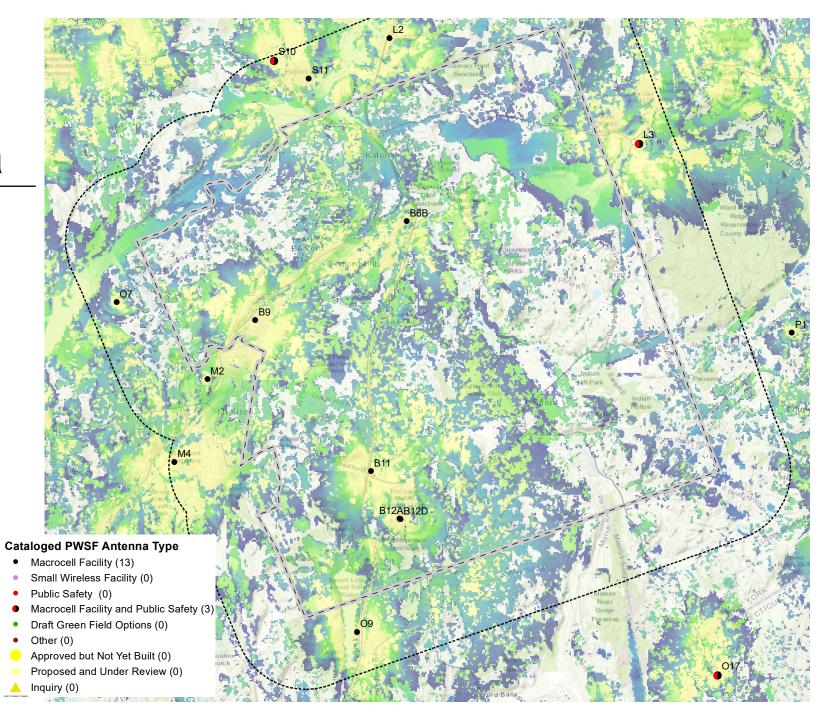


Coverage Map Bedford Study Area

Site Numbers in Study Area

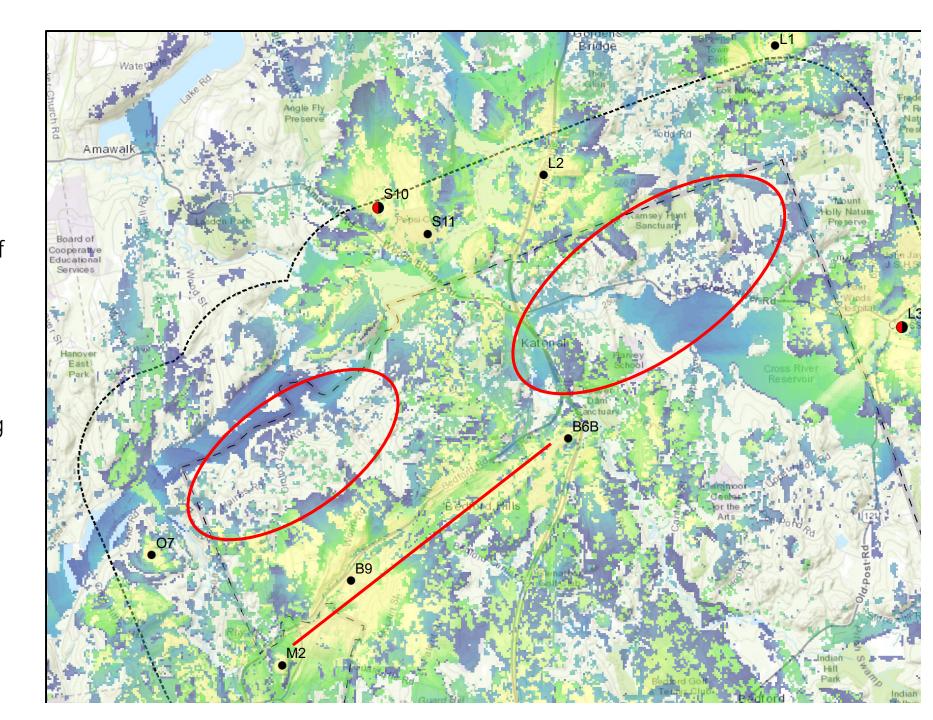
- B6B
- B9
- B11
- B12A
- B12D

- S10
- S11
- L2
- L3
- M2
- M4
- 07
- 09
- L1
- P1
- O17



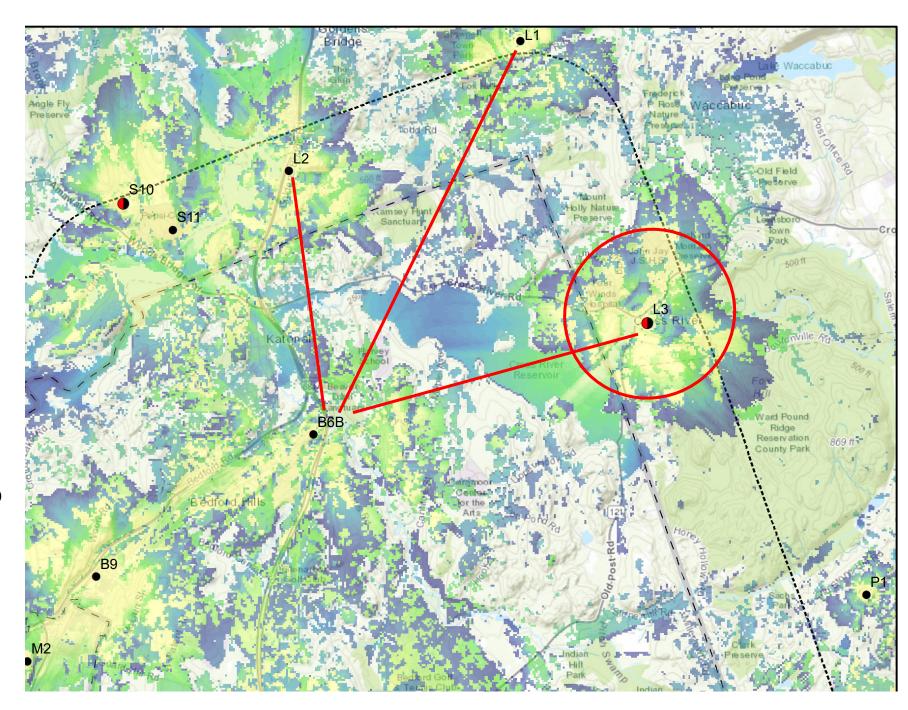
Coverage Map For All PWSF Sites

- → B6B and B9 in the northwest part of town boundary has poor handoff to S10, S11, L2, and O7. Many gaps in services in this area.
- → M2, B9 and B6B provide continuous coverage along Saw Mill Parkway from western Town line to Bedford Hills
- → Katonah spotty coverage due to topography distances between sites



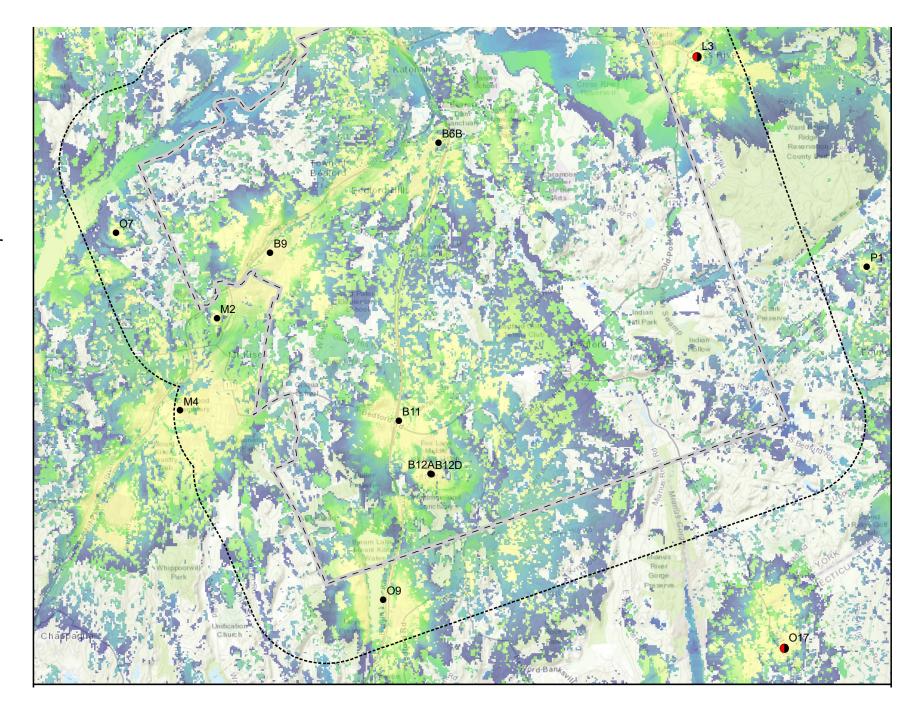
Coverage Map For All PWSF Sites

- → L3 is providing coverage along the eastern boundary line north of Old Post Road
- → Distance between B6B and L1, L2 and B6B and L3 is too great for adequate handoff.
- → Cross River Reservoir is showing coverage due to the way water refracts radio frequency signals.

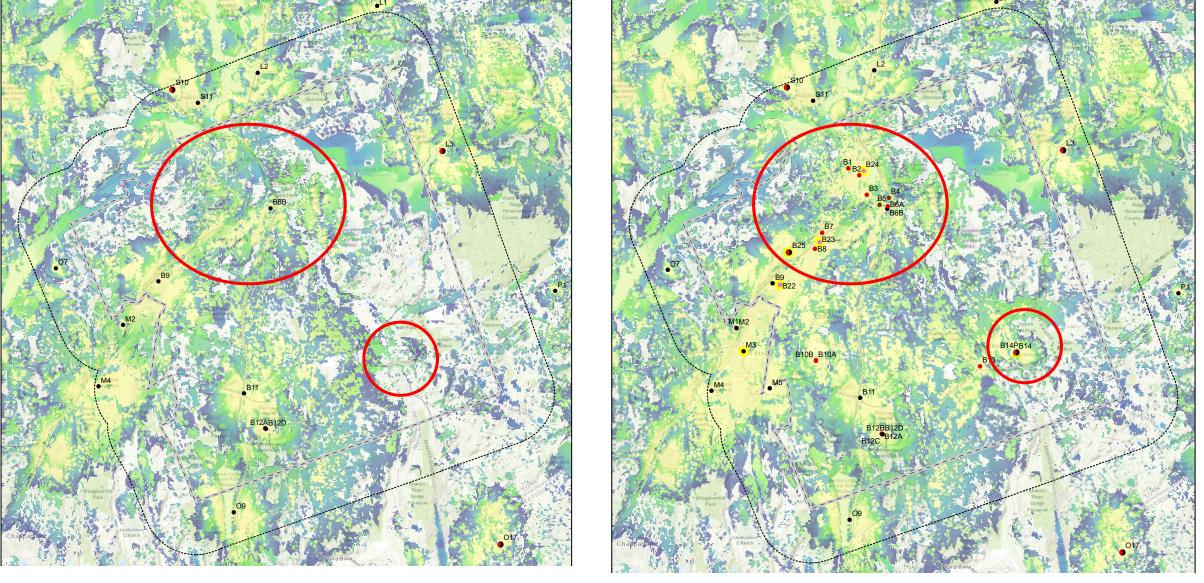


Coverage Map For All PWSF Sites

- → B11, B12A and B12D have no sites for handoff to the east
- → B11, B12A and B12D are too far from B9, M2 and M4 for contiguous handoff
- → Terrain issues:
 - → Ground elevation **B11** approximate AGL 448' with tower @ 150' = 598'
 - → Peak of 806' south of Charles Road
 - → Ground elevation B12/B12 B approximate AGL 775'-780; with tower @ 50' = 785'
 - → 814' west of sites

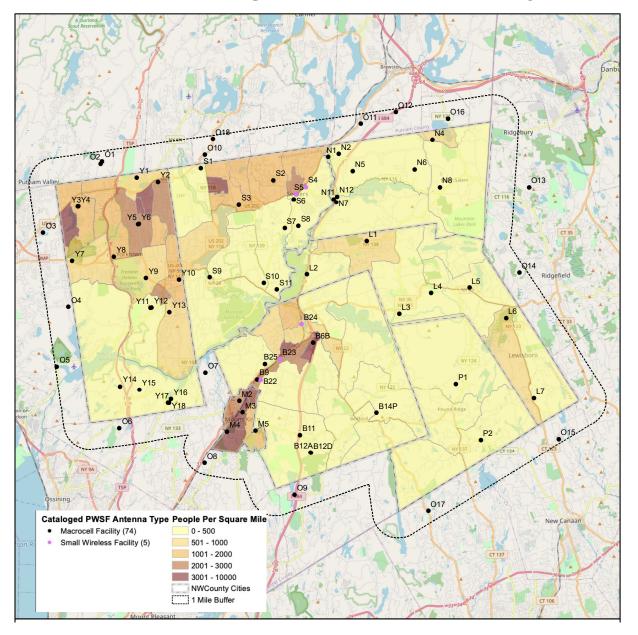


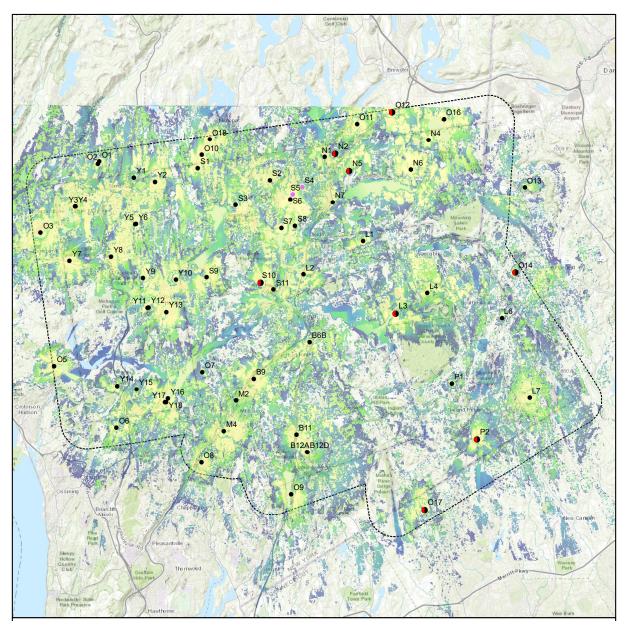
Coverage Comparisons Between Existing and Potential PWSF Sites



Macro site B25 and Small Cell Sites B22, B23 and B24 will be a considerable improvement in coverage to the surrounding area
 Adding Inquiry site B14P (macro) improves coverage in the vicinity

Coverage Gaps in County Compared to People Per Square Mile





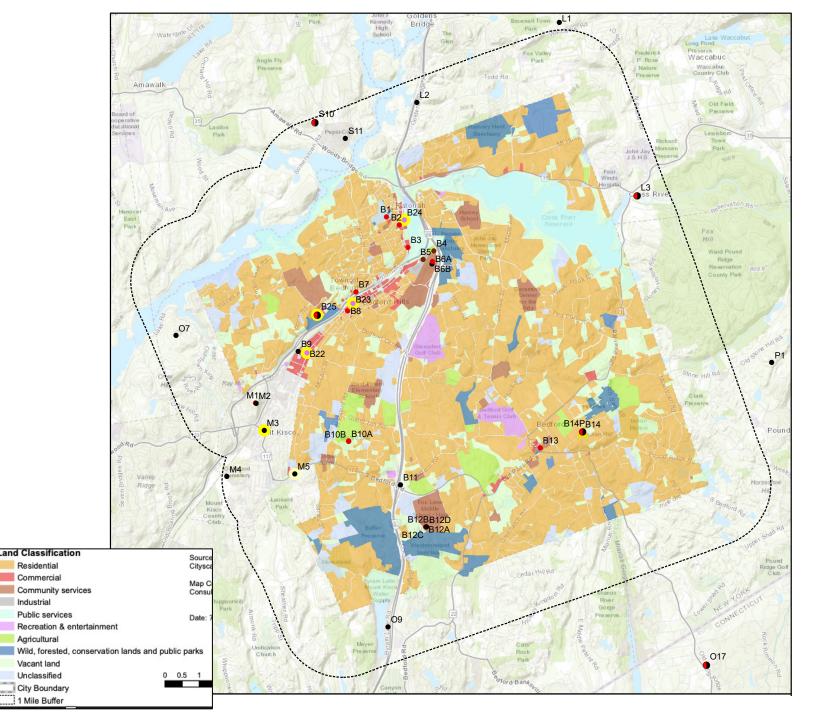
Coverage Gap Analysis **Land Classification**

- Bedford largely residential with 4,665 parcels
- Commercial 266 parcels
 - Bedford Road/Adams Street
 - Old Post Road
- Vacant land 575 parcels
- Unclassified 220 parcels

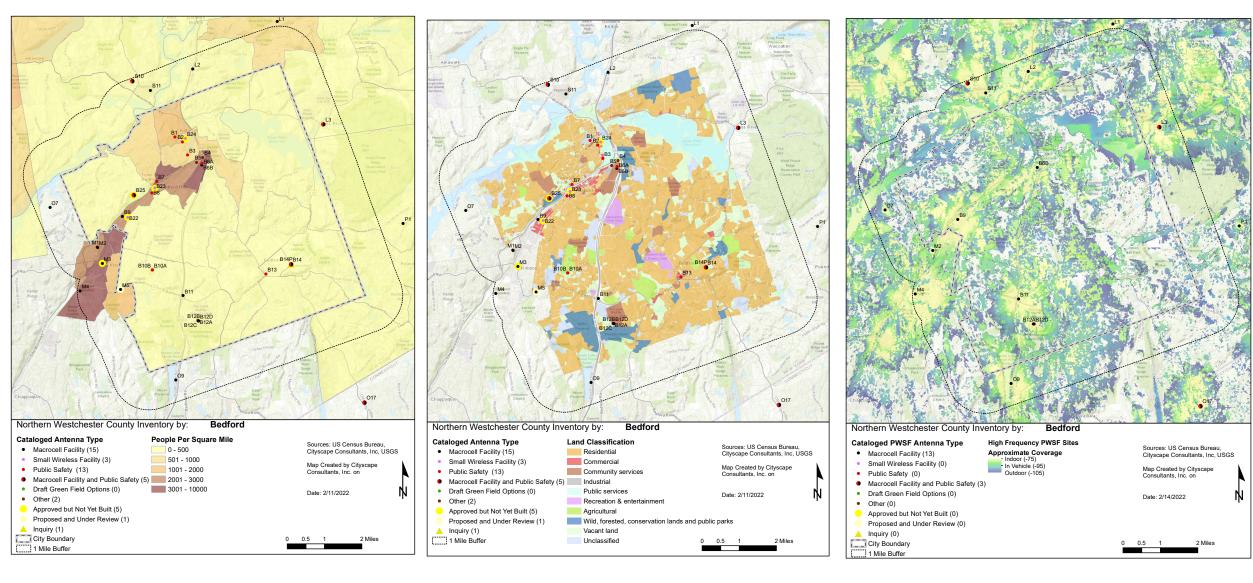
Interstate 684 corridor

South Bedford Road/Old Post Road

Industrial

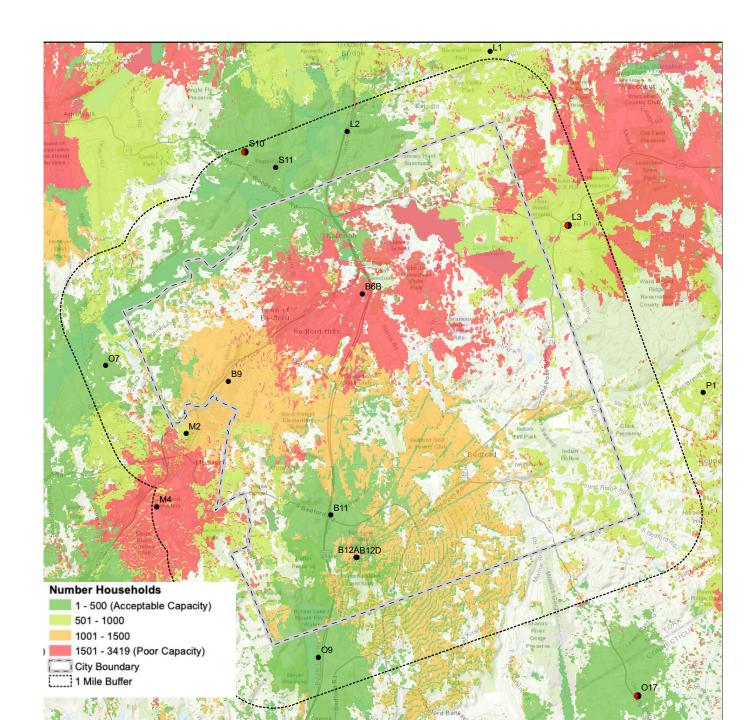


Anticipated Gap Fill-in



Network Capacity for a Single Provider

- Simulates areas with potential capacity problems
- Level of propagation signal strength is shown through the gradations of colors from green to red
- Areas with no coloration have no coverage so need for capacity does not show up
- → Green good; ratio of number of sites supporting subscriber base
- →Orange average; ratio of number of sites to subscriber base is problematic
- → Red poor; ratio of number of sites to subscriber base is poor
- No color none; PWSF sites are needed in most of these areas



Community Poll

Bedford Wireless Infrastructure

Preference Poll

